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SUBJECT: THREATENED DEMONSTRATIONS OVER AHMADIYA ISSUE

FROM CONSUL GENERAL

1. IN OUR COURTESY CALL ON HER THIS MORNING, SIND GOVERNOR BEGUM LIAQUAT ALI KHAN TOLD DCM LUPPI AND ME ABOUT EXPECTED DEMONSTRATIONS IN ISLAMABAD OVER AHMADIYA ISSUE. THIS PROBLEM WAS DISCUSSED FOR SEVERAL HOURS IN KARACHI GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 2-3. MEETING AIRED REPORTS THAT OPPOSITION GROUPS (PRINCIPALLY JI) WERE ROUNDING UP STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER COUNTRY TO GO TO ISLAMABAD AND SURROUND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING TO PUT PRESSURE ON ASSEMBLY FOR STRONG ANTI-AHMADIYA DETERMINATION ON SEPTEMBER 7, WHICH IS SCHEDULED DATE FOR ASSEMBLY DECISION THIS SUBJECT. GOVERNOR SAID MEETING TOOK DECISION THAT SECURITY FORCES WOULD INTERCEPT STUDENT MOVEMENTS AS FAR AWAY FROM ISLAMABAD AS POSSIBLE AND DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. GOVERNOR PREDICTED THAT ASSEMBLY WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DECLARE AHMADIYAS NON-MUSLIMS AND THEREFORE OFFICIALLY A MINORITY GROUP IN PAKISTAN. SHE SAID ANY OTHER DECISION WOULD RESULT IN A WAVE OF KILLINGS BY LOWER

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CLASSES INSTIGATED BY ORTHODOX MUSLIM OPPOSITION PARTIES.

SHE STRESSED THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY THAT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COULD PASS THE BUCK ON THIS ISSUE.
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